1—14 Feb, 97 was to promote consciousness and awareness among the people about the imperative need for conservation of petroleum products and protection of environment. Following are the schemes that were launched during the week.

(i) Dissemination of the concept of oil conservation among the people through media publicity.

(ii) Free pollution checking for vehicles and campaign awareness about the proper maintenance of vehicle.

(iii) Camps for counselling truck drivers on good driving habits, use of appropriate lubricants etc.

(iv) For agriculture sector, a pilot project was launched in various States for replacement of inefficient foot valves of diesel pump sets.

राज्यों को मिट्टी के तेल का आवंटन

1373. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार ने विभिन्न राज्यों को मिट्टी का तेल आवंटित करने के संबंध में क्या मानदंड निर्धारित किए हैं;

(ख) क्या सभी राज्यों को इन निर्धारित मानदंडों के अनुसार ही मिट्टी का तेल आवंटित किया जा रहा है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी० आर० बालु): (क) से (ग) राज्यों को मिट्टी के तेल का आवंटन पूर्वाधारों पर, अर्थात् विगत में आवंटन और उपभोग के साथ अतिरिक्त उपलब्धता में से अनुमेय वृद्धि के आधार पर किया जाता है। राज्य सरकारों से समय-समय पर अतिरिक्त आवंटन के लिए अनुरोध प्राप्त होते रहते हैं। परन्तु, उत्पाद उपलब्धता, विदेशी विनिमय और शामिल भारी राज सहायता की कठिनाइयों के कारण राज्यों की संपूर्ण मांग पूरी करना संभव नहीं है। तो भी, पूरे देश के लिए पिछले वर्षों की तुलना में 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 और 1997-98 के दौरान आवंटन में 3 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि की गई है जिसके अंतर्गत मिट्टी के तेल की अपेक्षाकृत कम प्रति व्यक्ति उपलब्धता वाले राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को अपेक्षाकृत अधिक वृद्धि और अपेक्षाकृत अधिक उपलब्धता वाले राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को कम वृद्धि प्रदान की गई है। आबंटन और आपूर्ति केवल उपरोक्त के अनुसार किए जा रहे हैं।

High Cost of Oil Production at Bombay High

1374. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil produced from Bombay High costs more than 14 US $ a barrel;

(b) if so, what is the computed cost break-up of oil produced from Bombay High, as on date;

(c) whether any computation has been done on the high costs of oil production from Bombay High;

(d) whether it is profitable to continue such operations;

(e) whether any outside agency examined the economics of operation of Bombay High; and

(f) if so, the name of that agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The cost of production of crude oil from Bombay High excluding the statutory levies and transportation cost, works out to Rs. 1021 per tonne equivalent to US $ 3.97 per barrel for the year 1995-96. This computation is done by ONGC annually and is not presently regarded as high. The computed break-up is given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement

Break-up of the average cost of production of crude oil from Bombay off-shore

Element of cost	Rs./MT	1995-96 US$/ Barrel
1. Operating cost	362	1.41
2. Recouped cost		
a) Depreciation	11	0.05
b) Depletion	259	1.00
c) Survey and dry wells cost	193	0.75
Sub-total (2)	463	1.80
3. Financing cost		
(a) Interest (Net)	119	0.46
(b) Exchange loss	77	0.30
Sub-total(3)	196	0.76
Total (1+2+3)	1021	3.97
4. Statutory charges		
(a) Royalty	528	2.05
(b) Cess	900	3.50
(c) Sales tax	120	0.47
(d) Octroi & BPT charges	28	0.11
5. Transportation cost	156	0.61
Total cost	2753	10.71

Probe Against Two Oil Companies in Uttar Pradesh

1375. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the police officials of U.P. have hushed up the probe against S.B. Petroleum and Sriram Petro Ltd., who have duped several hundred dealers and lakhs of customers, who deposited money with those companies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken against the officers concerned; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Vigilance Cell of Oil Coordination Committee conducted an investigation into the parallel marketing activities of M/s. S.B. Petroleum Ltd., and M/s. Shree Ram Petroleum Ltd.

The investigation Report was forwarded to the Secretary, Civil Supplies, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh to expedite action on FIRs lodged against M/s. S.B. Petroleum Limited and M/s. Shree Ram Petroleum also to take action against M/s. Shree Ram Petroleum for violation of Kerosene (Restriction on Use and Fixation of Ceiling Price) (Amendment) Order, 1995 as they have not obtained rating certificate, which is mandatory for entering parallel marketing as such violation is actionable under the Essential Commodities Act. It is learned that Economic Affairs Wing of U.P. Police is investigating into the case against M/S S.B. Petroleum and M/s. Shree Ram Petroleum Ltd.

Moti Khavdi Petro-Refinery Project in Gujarat

1376. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a private sector enterprise has acquired land for its Moti Khavdi Petro-Refinery Project in Jamnagar district of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any provision to employ dependents of the land oustees in those projects, whose land has been acquired;

(d) if so, the number of land outsees and the number of people employed in this project, so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) The Government has issued a